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## RETAIN NATIONAL GUARD ON BORDER

SOLDIERS WILL CONTINUE TO DO DUTY ON MEXICAN BOUNDARY LINE.

### CREATING TRAINED RESERVE

Secretary Baker Answers Numerous Inquiries, Declaring That the Militia on the Border is "Winning Bloodless Victories Daily."

Washington.—The National Guard will be retained on the Mexican border until it can be withdrawn without again endangering American lives and property. Secretary Baker so declared the administration's policy in answering a score of letters from many parts of the country explaining that the state troops were being held in service after the emergency for which they were called out apparently had passed.

In general the complainants alleged financially on militiamen and hardships on their families.

By its presence on the border, he wrote to one, the guard is "winning bloodless victories daily." He declared that Americans resident along the international line were enjoying a peace and security they could not know without the protection of military forces. He added the presence of the militia on the Mexican border has restored order and given a higher degree of safety and security to the lives of our people in that troubled country than they have had for a long time.

Referring to the elaborate and extensive training the militiamen are receiving under supervision of regular army officers, the secretary expressed the opinion that it would fit them to act in time of war or other emergency as a supporting arm, or second line for the regular army, furnishing an asset to national preparedness that could not have been obtained otherwise.

"Clearly so soon as a restored state of order on the border justifies it, the troops will be returned to their homes," he wrote. "In the meantime, it is not possible for the department to say how soon such a situation will arise, although the Mexican situation is one of increasing hopefulness."

### JAPAN BELIEVED TO BE AFTER FOOTHOLD AT CANAL MOUTH.

Secretary Lansing Orders Investigation of Reports of 60,000 Acre Land Concession Being Sought.

Washington.—Investigation of reports from Panama that a 60,000-acre land concession at the Atlantic end of the canal is being sought by a Spaniard named Fernandez, presumably for Japanese interests, was ordered by Secretary Lansing. Mr. Lansing refused to discuss the report in detail but the action was considered significant.

Rumors of a similar nature have been common ever since the canal was well under way. Several months ago it was commonly believed in diplomatic circles that private Japanese shipping interests were seeking land through Spanish intermediaries to establish a base for storing coal at low rates that could be had from the American Government monopoly base. So far as known nothing definite came of that plan.

The present reports are that Fernandez is seeking or has already secured a 60,000-acre land concession through the activity of Raymon Valdez, whose recent election to the presidency of Panama may possibly be disputed by the United States because of alleged frauds and coercion.

### 8 DEAD AND 16 HURT; 3 BOILERS EXPLODE.

Jackson, Tenn.—Eight persons were killed and 16 injured here when three boilers at the plant of the Harlan Morris State Manufacturing Company exploded, wrecking the building and scattering debris over a radius of several hundred yards. It is believed that all of the injured will recover.

### RUMANIA TO JOIN ALLIES SAY REPORTS IN GERMANY

The opening of the Allied offensive at Saloniki has been the signal for renewed reports that Rumania is at last about to throw in her lot with the Entente. These reports are more circumstantial than before and German press comments indicate that they have foundation. One Berlin newspaper declares that Rumania already has joined the Allies and that plans are being laid for the march of a Russian army through Rumania.

### 60 BANDITS DEFEAT CARRANZA SOLDIERS

El Paso, Texas.—A force of 60 Villa bandits engaged and defeated a larger command of government troops in the vicinity of Santa Ysabe, Chihuahua, Friday, August 18, according to private dispatches here. The de facto command approximated 100 men and lost 26, while the outlaws, under J. Dominguez, lost but 12. The government troops were commanded by Colonel Carlos Carranza, a nephew of the first chief.

## TWO BIG CRUISERS SUNK IN NORTH SEA

BRITISH LOSE TWO CRUISERS BY TEUTONIC SUBMARINE ATTACKS.

### ONE SUBMARINE DESTROYED

Kaiser's High Seas Fleet Come Out But Was Put Back Quickly.—One German Submarine Ramm'd By Another, 39 Fatalities Are Result.

London.—Two British light cruisers, the Nottingham and Falmouth, were sunk in North Sea by German submarines while the vessels were searching for the German high seas fleet, according to an official announcement by the Admiralty. One German submarine was destroyed by the British, while another was rammed and possibly sunk, according to the Admiralty statement which follows:

"Reports from our lookout squadrons and other units showed there was considerable activity on the part of the enemy in the North Sea on Saturday. The German high seas fleet came out, but learning from their scouts that the British forces were in considerable strength, the enemy avoided an engagement and returned to port.

"In searching for the enemy we lost two cruisers by submarine attacks—H. M. S. Nottingham, Captain C. B. Miller, and H. M. S. Falmouth, Captain John Edwards. All the officers of the former were saved, but 38 of the crew are missing. All the officers and men of the Falmouth were saved, but one stoker, Norman Fry, died of injuries.

### PRESIDENT WILSON URGES THAT PLAN BE ACCEPTED.

If Strike Causes Responsibility Will Not Rest Upon Him.

Washington.—President Wilson appealed to the railroad officials to abandon their insistence on arbitration of the dispute threatening a nation-wide strike and to accept his plan of settlement, already agreed to by the employees, because in his opinion the railroads are contending for a principle which it is impossible to apply to the present situation.

In one of the most dramatic scenes known to the White House in recent years, the President declared to the heads of five billion dollars worth of properties, assembled at his summons:

"If a strike comes, the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be upon me." A few minutes later he issued a statement saying, "The public has the right to expect" acceptance of his plan.

Refusing acceptance for the present, but not giving a final answer, Hale Holden, president of the Burlington roads, and spokesman for the 33 railroad officials, urged the President to uphold the principle of arbitration, and declared his plan would "place in peril all that has been accomplished in the peaceful adjustment of labor controversies by methods of arbitration."

### FIVE NEGROES LYNCHED BY A FLORIDA MOB

Gainesville, Fla.—Five negroes, three men and two women, were taken from the jail at Newberry, Fla., and hanged by a mob and another negro was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs near Jacksonville, Fla., as the result of the killing of Constable S. G. Wynne and the shooting of Dr. I. G. Harris by Boisey Long, a negro. The lynched negroes were accused of aiding Long to escape.

Dispatches from Newberry said that the mob, which lynched the five negroes, was composed of about 200 men and worked quietly and rapidly. After gaining entrance to the jail they took the victims to a point about a mile from town and hanged all to one large oak tree. Not a shot was fired.

### TROPICAL STORM IN TEXAS DID MILLIONS IN DAMAGE

Corpus Christi, Texas.—The loss of life from the tropical storm which struck Corpus Christi and 10 adjacent Texas counties was placed at 13, including nine members of the crew of the small freighter Pilot Boy, which foundered off Arkansas Pass. The total damage in this section of which Corpus Christi bore the heaviest part was estimated at \$2,000,000. This included devastation of a large portion of the lower coast's cotton crop.

### HUNDRED SHOTS ARE EXCHANGED ON BORDER

Naco, Ariz.—Over a hundred shots were exchanged across the international line about a mile west of here between patrols belonging to the negro National Guard from the District of Columbia and a party on the Mexican side. The soldiers said they halted some Mexicans who attempted to cross the line, in answer to the challenge the Mexicans fired. In the fusillade that followed the only casualty was one Mexican wounded.

## IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE THAT COUNT



## EXPERTS PLANNING FIGHT ADVANCE BY TRIPLE BLOW

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

Resolutions Adopted at Meeting.—Express No Alarm That Epidemic Might Become Countrywide, Prepare Against Widespread Outbreak.

Washington.—Plans for a more vigorous campaign to prevent further spread of infantile paralysis were made here at a conference of health authorities of most of the states with officials of the Federal Public Health Service.

Resolutions were adopted by the conference in which eminent plague experts, scientists and bacteriologists are participating outlined different proposals for checking dissemination of the disease.

Uniformity of regulations for travel on railroad trains, steamships and other carriers, was urged by Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury Department in opening the conference and while several speakers held that general quarantine again passengers from the Eastern infected areas was unnecessary, the conference probably will recommend a system of uniform inspection, issuance of health certificates and co-operation between Federal and State health and railroad authorities toward safeguarding travel. Medical representatives of a dozen large trunk lines urged the conference to assist in securing uniform traffic rules.

A national survey presented by the state delegates showed 11,717 cases in 38 states reporting, including cases since January 1.

Following is a summary of conditions in Southern States. North Carolina.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, 20 cases; two deaths; conditions not unusual, except five cases in one town in last three weeks. Only two cases traceable to New York. Seventeen deaths last year. No quarantine against Eastern States. South Carolina.—Dr. J. E. Hayne, 18 cases in July and 37 in August with none before. Developing in Wagner and Springfield districts. No state quarantine but rigid intrastate travel regulations. Virginia.—Dr. E. G. Williams, 10 cases in June and 19 in July; only one attributable to importation. Local but not state quarantine. More cases in 1915 and sporadic since every month.

### SENATORS URGE U. S. BOND ISSUE OF \$130,000,000

Unexpected Recommendation in Congress to Meet Mexican Expenditures.

Washington.—A bond issue of \$130,000,000 to meet extraordinary government expenditures due to the Mexican situation was unexpectedly recommended to Congress by majority members of the Senate finance committee with the concurrence of the treasury department.

The bond issue is urged in the report of the finance committee Democrats filed in the Senate late today on the \$205,000,000 revenue bill. In addition to the proposed issue and the revenue bill the finance committee asserts that a further appropriation of \$85,000,000 will be necessary to defray the expense of operations in the Mexican emergency if conditions on the border continue as they are now after December 31, 1916. The \$130,000,000 to be provided by the proposed bond issue the report says, will meet Mexican expenditures until the end of this calendar year.

### BUFFALO WINS NEXT EAGLES' CONVENTION.

Savannah—Rex B. Goodell, San Bernardino, Cal., was chosen grand worthy president and Buffalo, N. Y., was awarded the 1917 convention at the eighteen annual meeting of the Grand Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles here. Harry J. Lemcke, Saginaw, Mich., was chosen grand worthy chaplain over Harry E. McUrgh, Cincinnati, J. S. Perry, San Francisco, was chosen grand secretary.

## SENATE PASSES NEW SHIPPING BILL

WILSON ADMINISTRATION SUCCEEDS AFTER HARD LEGISLATIVE STRUGGLE.

### SENATE VOTE WAS 38 TO 21

Several Important Amendments Are Agreed to.—Bill Has Already Passed House and Will Very Likely Find No Opposition in House to Amendments.

Washington.—The government shipping bill passed the Senate by a vote of 38 to 21, ending one of the most bitterly contested legislative struggles of the Wilson administration. In the last Congress the measure precipitated a Democratic revolt and a filibuster which forced postponement of many important bills, but revised so as to minimize the government operation feature, received unanimous Democratic support and solid Republican opposition. It already had passed the House.

The shipping bill provides for creation of a government shipping board to acquire and operate ships for rehabilitation of the American merchant marine and appropriate \$50,000,000 for the purpose to be raised by the sale of Panama Canal bonds.

Several important amendments were agreed to just before the final vote, among them one which would reduce the salary of the shipping board members from \$10,000 to \$7,500 a year. Other amendments passed include one which would authorize the president to seek adjustment of foreign discrimination against American shipping through diplomatic negotiations and to take retaliatory action if such negotiations fail. Another would authorize the treasury to withhold clearance from masters of vessels who deliberately refuse to accept freight from American citizens without satisfactory reasons.

### ALLIES GAIN ON GERMAN CENTER IN SOMME FRONT.

Another Step Made in Anglo-French Advance Toward Comble.

London.—Assaults by British and French forces against German positions north of the Somme in France have resulted in the gaining of additional ground by the attackers, according to the British and French War Office. The French advance was in and around Maurepas, the scene of much hard fighting during the last few weeks, and the British gain was in the direction of Guinchy and Guillemont, near the Southern end of their section of the Somme front. The Anglo-French attack London says, took place along the whole line from Pozieres to the Somme.

The gains reported by Paris and London were in the center of the German positions on the Somme front and mark another step in the Anglo-French advance toward Comble.

French troops gained more ground in the village of Maurepas, after the stopping of German counter-attacks near the village. Calvary hill, south-east of the village, was carried by assault and the French positions on the Maurepas-Clery road was also extended.

### WILSON VETOES ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

Washington.—The Army appropriation bill was unexpectedly vetoed by President Wilson because he would not accept certain provisions in the revision of the articles of war, forced into the bill by the House conferees and commonly said in army circles to be in the interest of certain retired officers "at outs" with the army.

### DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED SAFE HOME AT BREMEN

Geneva, via Paris.—A private telegram received from Berlin by the Neue Zürcher Zeitung says the German submarine Deutschland arrived safely at Bremen from the United States.

### FINAL ACTION IN HOUSE ON THE PHILIPPINE BILL

Washington.—Final action on the Philippine bill promising independence to the islands as soon as a stable government is established, was taken in the House when the conference report was adopted.

Manuel Quizon, Philippine delegate, told the House the bill was a "signal victory for the cause of human liberty and a very decisive step toward the complete emancipation of the Filipino people."

### DECORATED FOR SINKING 100 SHIPS OF ALLIES

Amsterdam, via London.—In recognition of his sinking of 100 vessels of the Entente Allies, Captain-Lieutenant Walter Forstmann, commander of a German submarine has been given the Order of Pour le Merite by the German emperor, says a Berlin dispatch received here. The ships sunk by him, including war vessels, aggregated 260,000 tons and their value is estimated at 20,000,000 pounds sterling the dispatch adds.

## LIVE STOCK CONFERENCE

Meeting of Much Importance Will be Held in Orangeburg Week Beginning October 16th.

Orangeburg.—Secretary W. A. Livingston of the Orangeburg chamber of commerce announced that an arrangement had been perfected for holding a state wide conference on live stock raising at Orangeburg during the week beginning October 16, next. The conference will be held under the joint auspices of the Southern settlement and development organization, which is conducting a South-wide propaganda in the interest of live stock raising and diversified farming, the extension department of Clemson College, the state department of agriculture and the Orangeburg chamber of commerce. The conference will last two days.

There will be an exhibit of South Carolina bred cattle and hogs, and the sessions will be devoted to practical discussions of the vital questions relating to animal husbandry, instead of too set speeches which too often characterize meetings of this kind. Experts in various lines of live stock raising and marketing from the federal government and from those sections of the country where live stock is raised successfully will be in attendance, and preparations are being made to handle the largest crowd of its kind ever assembled in this state.

### South Carolina Pays Least.

Washington.—In 23 of the 48 states of the Union the excess of expenditures for governmental costs, including interest and outlays for permanent improvements, over revenues, during the fiscal year 1915 was \$55,233,404, or 86 cents per capita. In the remaining 19 states the excess of revenues over expenditures amounted to \$18,608,917, or 54 cents per capita. Taking the entire 48 states as a whole, the excess of expenditures over revenues was \$36,674,487, or 37 cents per capita.

These and other important facts are brought out in a report, "Financial Statistics of States, 1915," soon to be issued by Director Sam L. Rogers of the bureau of the census, department of commerce. This report, which was compiled under the direction of Starke M. Grogan, chief statistician for statistics of states and cities, gives detailed data in respect to the revenues and expenditures, the assessments, the taxes and the indebtedness and assets of each of the 48 states of the Union.

### To Ask For More Money.

Columbia.—High school applications have been sent out by the state superintendent of education. The state board of education will meet in a few weeks and pass on the petitions for the various high schools for state aid. The legislature has made an appropriation of \$35,000 for this work.

"It will require \$100,000 to take care of the situation next year and I will report the facts to the legislature," said J. E. Swearingen, state superintendent, discussing the needs of the high schools of the state.

The education board at its summer meeting will also pass on the scholarships at state institutions. The fiscal agent of the state board of charities and corrections is now making an investigation of the financial condition of applicants for the state scholarships and will report to the education board.

### To Prevent Trouble.

York.—As a preventive measure against a possible outbreak and spread of infantile paralysis, which malady has made its appearance at several points in this county, the town council of York has adopted an ordinance making it unlawful for children under 16 years of age to visit the picture shows, attend Sunday school or other public gatherings or even to congregate in any considerable numbers on the streets or elsewhere in the limits of the town.

### Preparing Poultry Exhibit.

Columbia.—Gold medals, purses, premiums and ribbons will be awarded for the best poultry exhibits at the state fair to be held at Columbia October 23-27. The long list of awards for the poultry department includes single specimens, breeding pens and display pens of practically every breed and variety of chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, pheasants, pigeons, bantams, games and eggs.

### SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS.

New cotton has been sold on the Lexington market.

The Appalachian, highway—Tryon-Saluda-Hendersonville end—is now in good shape and ready for tourist travel.

Dr. W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson College, accompanied by Mrs. Riggs and Miss Mary Riggs of Orangeburg have gone to spend a vacation of two or three weeks in the North Carolina mountains, chiefly at Blowing Rock.

Another case of infantile paralysis was reported to the state board of health from Greenville county, which makes a total of 40 cases reported during the month of August.

## NAMES CHAIRMEN ON FLOOD RELIEF

CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE BOARD APPOINTS MANY LOCAL COMMITTEES.

### MORE MONEY BADLY NEEDED

Federal Appropriation and Funds Privately Subscribed to Date Are Not Near Sufficient.

Columbia.—Pierre Mazzyck of Columbia, chairman of the state commission on flood relief, appointed some days ago by Gov. Manning, has made public the names of local committees through whom his board will act in several of the counties most affected by the freshets of late July. The county supervisors is in each instance a member of the local committee.

"Much more money than is available or in sight at this time can be used to advantage in the relief of actual distress directly consequent upon flood damage," said Mr. Mazzyck. "The federal appropriation must be spread over the whole South and the funds privately subscribed and placed in the governor's hands are inadequate. Most of the money reaching us through this latter source came from Richmond, by the way."

Local committees so far appointed are as follows:

Charleston: C. M. Smith, Gaffney, chairman; John M. Jenkins, Gaffney, supervisor.

Spartanburg: H. A. Ligon, Spartanburg, chairman; J. J. Vernon, Wellford, supervisor.

York: Mr. Blankenship, Fort Mill; J. M. Starr, York; T. W. Boyd, York, supervisor.

Lancaster: E. M. Croxton, chairman; J. C. Cook, Taxahaw, supervisor.

Chester: J. F. McKeown, McKeown; J. G. White, Chester, chairman; D. G. Anderson, Chester, supervisor.

Union: Roy Fant, Lockhart; J. T. Jeter, Santee, supervisor.

Laurens: H. K. Aiken, Laurens, chairman; R. L. Gray, Gray Court; H. B. Humbert, Laurens, supervisor.

Charleston: W. H. Mixson, Charleston, chairman; W. P. Cantwell, Charleston, supervisor.

Georgetown: Olin W. Sawyer, Georgetown, chairman; M. L. Beathune, Camp Field, supervisor.

Dorchester: Dr. T. L. Johnson, St. George, chairman; J. D. Wimberly, St. George, supervisor.

Colleton: W. W. Smoak, Walterboro, chairman; R. M. Jeffreys, Walterboro, supervisor.

Williamsburg: W. M. O'Brien, Helmman, chairman; George A. McElvane, Kingstree; W. C. Hammett, Kingstree supervisor.

Orangeburg: W. L. Glover, Orangeburg, chairman; M. Hungerpillar, Orangeburg, supervisor.

Berkeley: T. W. Williams, Moncks Corner; W. K. Fishburne, Moncks Corner; Lewis W. Hill, Ridgeville, supervisor.

Calhoun: J. F. Crouch, Fort Motte; W. J. Wise, St. Matthews, supervisor; Thomas A. Amaker, St. Matthews, chairman.

Horry: D. A. Spivey, Conway, chairman; Howard W. Bethea, Conway; A. C. Murrell, Conway, supervisor.

Marion: T. J. Moore, Marion, chairman; C. C. Rodgers, Mullins, supervisor.

Darlington: Bright Williamson, Darlington, chairman; C. W. Milling, Darlington, supervisor.

Florence: S. P. Poston, Poston, chairman; James B. McBryde, Florence, supervisor; C. E. Commander, Florence, chairman.

Clarendon: C. M. Mason, St. Paul, chairman; W. R. Davis, Silver, supervisor.

Kershaw: H. G. Garrison, Jr., Camden, chairman; M. C. West, Camden, supervisor.

Fairfield: T. K. Elliott, Winnsboro, chairman; D. R. Coleman, Jr., Winnsboro, supervisor.

Newberry: J. M. Kinard, Newberry, chairman; George Y. Hunter, Prosperity; James C. Sample, Newberry, supervisor.

Prepare for Boll Weevil.

Columbia.—In a recent interview W. W. Long, state farm demonstration agent, stated that the boll weevil might reach Anderson county within the next 12 months. Several days ago it was announced that Clemson College will send a commission to the boll weevil territory in the South to study conditions. Gov. Manning will be a member of the commission. The commission will very probably make report to the legislature and urge the passage of such laws to combat the crop pest.

### Soldier Boys Will Vote.

Columbia.—Stationery needed in order to enable the South Carolina guardsmen engaged in the frontier patrol to participate in the state primary election of August 29 was shipped by express to El Paso by Halcott B. Thomas of Columbia, acting secretary of the state Democratic executive committee. The secretary, William C. McGowan, is himself on the border, being first lieutenant of the second regiment machine gun company. About 2,600 men from South Carolina will do their voting at El Paso this year.